LBJ

To Jim Lesar and Mark Allen from Harold Weisberg 4/1/85

Today's Anderson column tells me why Les Whitten did not phone and read his piece to me to be certain of its accuracy: Jack took it away from him and did his usual with it. In fact, it had been so long I assumed that Les had either lost interest or lacked time.

The local paper, which does not carry all Anderson columns and often does not carry what it does the same day as the Post, did not have this today.

This also tells us what the Wx Post finds fit to print on the assassinations, apologies and bull shit.

And some silly mindreading, too.

Katzenbach proposed the Commission prior to the collection of any intelligence that could have suggested a Castro responsibility for the JFK assassination.

And while without doubt there were times that LBJ believed there was a Castro involvement, he also believed and expressed his belief that the JFK assassination was a conspiracy of which the CIA was part.

And, of course, there was no "inquiry from the Washington Star." There was the FBI's idea that its then city editor, Sid Epstein, sign the letter the FBI would draft for him to sign, and he did just that.

Oh, well, it is no worse than some of the great successes of some critics.